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## UNREST IN THE LAND.

A Methodist layman made a notable address to the General Conference of his church, which was then in session in the great city of Chicago, in which he appealed to the Church to solve the vexed problem of the day. With the hand of a master he drew faithful picture of the unrest in Chicago and other great centres, the constant clash between capital and labor, between employer and employee, between combines and communities, between bankers and bread makers, between plutocrats and people, between government and the governed, between nation and nation, and with a wall of well nigh despair, cried out: "To whom can we go for relief but to the church of the living God?"

Teachers in our schools suggest no remedy, philosophers are dumb on the subject, statesmen (?) are too much concerned with the subject of personal promotion to give a thought to the people, the money changers "care for none of the things," pleasure seekers read of the menace and then "on with the dance," while the preachers who dabble in politics only darken the already dark picture and deepen the problems of public concern. Let the church of Christ heed the layman's call, not by prostituting the pulpit but by preaching the Gospel. If there is no saving and solving power in the "old, old story" then indeed is the light of the world gone out, and the hope of humanity vanished.

## SCARED.

John S. Wise, now of New York, late of Virginia, and ever more of New York as Virginians devoutly wish and pray, has recently contributed an article to one of the magazines, in which he threatens the South with Congressional ostracism unless it gets on good behavior. This same John, be it remembered, was recently and unceremoniously kicked out of Congress as a common nuisance. This threat from this source has actually terrorized the Baltimore Sun and at least one newspaper published in Virginia, and they unite in urging the Democrats of the South to go to the National Convention prepared to do just that which will draw the claws and pull the tusks from this John S. Wise element of Northern malignants.

And what do they demand? Only this and nothing more, that the negro element of the South shall be the dominant element. Is the South prepared to yield this at the threat of John S. Wise, added and abetted by the Democratic? Southern(?) news sheets? To ask the question is to answer it.

The South can live without Congressional recognition, but it cannot live without decent home government.

Let the renegade rage, and his co-conspirators cry out in anger, the South will defy them and defend its homes and hearthstones.

## TO THE NEGRO AND THE SOUTH.

Dr. Hodges, of Richmond, is the author of the following words of wisdom. No one, so far as we know, has said it quite so well:

"He must eliminate himself directly from the body politic, and the education which he is capable of taking will the better fit him to gravitate to his appointed place in the onward march of Southern civilization. This is the problem for the South; to carry these two races in peace, for discord means ruin; to carry them separately, for assimilation means debasement; to carry them in equal justice, for to this she is pledged; to carry them even unto the end, for this is her destiny. This burden no other people bears today, on none other hath it ever rested."

## "THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY."

The wise men made no mistake as to the coming of the eclipse, its sejour or its leave taking. We will know in time what they learned in that hour of morning-midnight. All that we could do just here was to watch the encroaching shadow through a darkened glass.

How insignificant man feels in presence of sudden darkness, sudden storm, outburst of fire or of flood, and how relieved when the light, and the calm, and the rest come again.

The nontide is a miracle, and so is sun set, and sun rise, and midnight, and starlight, but we are accustomed to these things and enjoy them with scarce a thought of their birth place or their daily and hourly benediction.

It is said that when the son of millionaire Stanford was dying, his father exclaimed in his anguish: "What shall I do without my boy?" The son endeavored to answer his parent, saying: "There are so many boys in the world you can be kind to them." That boy's thought dead is yet living in the loving acts of kindness of his mother. It was a short sermon, but went home to the heart and has been doing full duty since its delivery.

## GOOD-BYE.

Before another issue of the HERALD the 16th session of the State Female Normal School will have ended, and teachers and scholars will have gone to their respective homes. Farmville will miss them, but will fling wide open her gates on their return. To those who will not return we follow them to their new fields of labor with sincere good wishes. Life may not be all that youthful hopes would make it, but in the discharge of daily duty its best blessings are to be found and these will be followed by "well done, good and faithful servant."

"Today the married woman practically 'paddles her own canoe'; that is to say, she can dispose of her property as if unmarried, with some reasonable exceptions as to her husband's courtesy estate, nor can the selfish fellow make her property liable for his debts. She can sue and be sued, make her own will, and enjoy other blessings hitherto accorded men only. But with her increased powers come some drawbacks. The husband has ceased to be in any way responsible for her acts, unless, of course, she is his agent. Her torts—i.e., misdoings other than breach of contract—can no longer be brought home to her ex-husband and master. For instance, if she assaults a neighbor with a broom or backbiting the woman next door, the responsibility is all hers. If there is a lawsuit and damages she must pay for the fun."—*Richmond Dispatch.*

The women of Virginia are indebted to the last legislature for this "glorious privilege of being independent."

Chief Justice Fuller, in rendering the majority decision of the Supreme Court in the Kentucky case, alluded to the tribunal of the people as "being always in session." In that the learned jurist was in error. The trouble with the people is that they will not come together to consider even of their own good. Eternal vigilance on the part of the people, a continuous session of that tribunal, and the wrongs of legislation would all be corrected, and public burdens would all be lightened.

Farmers are especially powerless in affairs public for the one reason they will not co-operate. A farmer combine would destroy all other combines.

Old Fredericksburg, around which raged the bloodiest battles of the civil war, has recently been the scene of a reunion of the "Blue" and "Gray," which was marked by a fervor and an eloquence of expression which will make it memorable in the history of such celebrations.

President McKinley was there, many members of his cabinet, our governor, distinguished generals of the once contending armies, and hosts of men of the ranks whose courage and endurance are the common glory of the nation. Now for a national park, and one worthy the historic spot.

John Wanamaker sells goods during the week and teaches Sunday school on Sunday, the largest class perhaps in the country. In reading over one of his recent advertisements—he has a new one each day—we read this: "There isn't a shoe in town under \$4 that can equal ours for \$3." That's a sweeping assertion and we have been wondering since reading it if he has a rival shoe merchant of his city in his Sunday school class. Hardly. If so the scholar would be apt to say to the teacher that so far as that statement was concerned he simply didn't tell the truth.

War is to be short of its horrors. One man proposes a "soft-nose" shell and still another a "soporific" shell and still another an immense magnet to draw balls from soldiers out into space. The soporific shell is to be exploded over the enemy's camp, everybody falls into sweet sleep, and then the sleeping Samsons are to be deprived of their locks. What a pity all these things were not in use before Mr. McKinley sent his soldiers abroad on a "benevolent" mission.

Senator Depew sat in his office in the city of Washington, and delivered a post prandial address, which was distinctly heard and greatly enjoyed by 140 banqueters gathered in the city of New York two hundred miles distant. Fifty years ago that would have been considered a miracle. "Great God, there's nothing old appears, to Thee there is nothing new."

Gen. Walker has had the door of Congress unceremoniously slammed in his face.

Poor old ex-Confederate soldier! What a pity he ever went in search of false gods. The evening of life should have been bright and calm with the successor to "Stonewall." Instead of black and stormy. He has our sympathies.

The Supreme Court has decided that it has no jurisdiction in the Kentucky case. Of course not. Now let us have peace in the "Blue Grass" State while the Democrats administer the affairs of State and the Republican aspirants attend to their own private affairs. Kentucky is Democratic, and there is nouse denying it.

When the late George M. Pullman, of sleeping-car fame died, his estate was valued at \$3,000,000. It is reported now at \$15,000,000. There never was an era of the world's history when it was so easy to make money with money, or so difficult to make money without money.

If Virginia Democrats were in "honorable bound" to vote for a convention because the Norfolk convention made it a party question, how about voting for Bryan after he has been about the party nominee? We are going to keep an eye on some of our exchanges.

Now that a convention to revise the constitution is an assured fact, it is believed that the governor will call an extra session of the legislature for some day in January next, and that the convention will begin its work the following summer.

If it be true that no man can be president who is not endorsed by the rich men of the land, then why not let Morgan & Co. suggest the name of the candidate and save the expense of two great national conventions?

The Richmond Carnival Association made \$2,000 out of its first effort on that line. How much Richmond made "no fellow can find out," and none of us would regret to know it went up into the millions.

The Philadelphia Times describes Senator Tiltman "as narrow as is his one suspender," and yet he does sometimes provoke a broad smile by what he says to some Senatorial South hater.

The Intonic plague has begun its deadly work in California. Our hope is that it may be confined in its operations and, not like Hamaism, spread over and infect the land.

What was that Montana governor doing out of the State anyhow? Money making? How much did Clark contribute? Shame upon the whole gang.

President McKinley has two official yachts—the Dolphin and the Sylph. He said to his credit that he has not abused the privilege of temporary ownership.

Richmond's Carnival is to be made permanent, and the editors of the State will have another chance at that gold watch and top of coal.

The average negro never made anything out of politics, and the sooner he quits hoping that he will make something the better.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 28, 1900.

Republican Senators consented to a Congressional investigation of all Cuban accounts, as proposed by Senator Bacon's resolution, not because they wanted an investigation, but because they feared to defy a practically universal public demand for one. They are now trying to devise schemes that will enable them to keep the investigation in their own hands, but Democratic Senators are wide-awake and intend to participate in that investigation, and if possible, they are going to have another for Porto Rico, where there has been great extravagance in the payment of double and in some cases triple salaries to postal employees, if not actual stealing. It is also generally believed that affairs are quite as bad, if not worse, in the civil branch of our government in the Philippines, and there are scandals even in the Washington City Post Office.

The anxiety of the Republican leaders to hurry adjournment is amusing. Although they have a good majority in both branches, they act as though they were afraid that Congress would do something they didn't want it to do, if adjournment wasn't rushed. It is hardly likely that adjournment will take place June 6, the date set by the House resolution, but it will as soon thereafter as the Republican leaders in the Senate can get the appropriation bills out of the way. To appeal from Czar McKinley to the American people is now the programme of the Boer envoys. They have not abandoned their idea of making a tour of the country, and arousing public sentiment. They will begin this week in Baltimore, and from there will go to other cities where they have accepted invitations to attend public meetings.

Representative Talbert, of S. C., has been making another warm speech on the Pension question, his text being the case of the Michigan man who draws \$1,800 a year as a clerk in the Interior Department, and \$1,200 a year as private Secretary to Representative S. W. Smith, of Michigan, and who has been voted by Congress a pension of \$2 a month for total disability. Representative H. C. Smith, cited the case of Justice Long, of the Supreme Court of Michigan, who draws a pension of \$140 a month as an excuse for this case, and Mr. Talbert said in reply: "Two wrongs do not make one right. The gentleman asks now because one man is robbing and plundering the government unjustly and unmeritoriously, that another man may be placed on the pension roll and receive a high pension. That is the trouble about this indiscriminate grabbing of pensions. One man gets in and another man wants to get in. Members have their friends and they will not vote against each other. They will not have the reports read because they sit here like dummies saying, 'Oh, they will reach my case next.' That is what is the matter. You want to do a dozen wrongs to make one right and you want to continue to do wrong in order that your own cases may be favorably acted upon. I want to see justice done by the old soldiers and I will help do it every time if I can, but I do not want to give any soldier what he does not deserve."

Senator Morgan jumped on the opposition to the Nicaragua Canal, which has apparently succeeded in hanging up the bill, in a speech in which he did not mince words. He began with the six syndicates, organized under New Jersey laws for the purpose of controlling Canal routes on the Isthmus of Darien of which he said: "I think the assumption, arrogance, and brazen faced audacity of these people have reached a climax." He charged that this government was submitting to the

cuffing and badgering of the new Panama Canal Company, which in conjunction with the trans-continental railroad, inspired the opposition to the Canal bill, because a Presidential election is pending and that it is afraid to tackle any corporation that has or professes to have some great power, and he asked: "Is it to be said here that the President is a party to this ambitious and cross-eyed political rascality?" Mr. Morgan concluded with these plain words: "The President, who is a candidate for re-election, is in the hands of his friends, and his friends are the enemies of the Nicaragua Canal. I hardly know whether to say I hope for the passage of the Canal bill at this session or not. That depends upon two men upon this floor. If they are controlled by a determination that the revenues for Republican campaign purposes shall not be cut off from the great railroad and canal syndicates, then the bill cannot pass at this session. The responsibility, however, must rest on them."

The Spooner bill, making Mr. McKinley Czar of the Philippines, is dead for this session and probably for all time, as in addition to some Republican opposition to it, the Democrats in the Senate have served notice that the bill would not be allowed to pass at this session and they have the power to make that notice good by simply refusing to allow the bill to reach a vote.

Mr. McKinley who witnessed the eclipse today from Fort Monroe, where it was total, ought to have got there from a good advance idea of his own total eclipse next November. Of course he used a government vessel to make the trip to and from Fort Monroe; Republican officials seldom pay for anything they can get for nothing by making use of their official authority.

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